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REWARD TO INFORMERS OF INCOME TAX EVASION
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount disbursed as reward to informers of Income Tax Evasion during each of the last three years;

(b) the details of payment outstanding to informers lying with the department;

(c) the steps taken to dispose them off; and

(d) the further measures taken by the Government to intensify the efforts of getting information through such system?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) The details of amount disbursed as reward to informers by the Income Tax Department during the last three years are as under:-

Financial Year	Amount (in lakhs)
i. 2004-05	205.17
ii. 2005-06	164.43
iii. 2006-07	230.72

(b) Payment of Reward is considered `outstanding` only when Competent Authority has determined the amount of reward and it is yet to be disbursed. Accordingly, an amount of Rs.1.28 lakhs only is outstanding in a single case.

(c) Since the informer is not presently traceable in the given address, necessary efforts are being made to disburse the outstanding amount.

(d) The existing guidelines of Central Board of Direct Taxes for payment of reward to informers are considered adequate.